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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

Claims 1 to 11 are pending.

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not adequately descriptive. A new title is required that is more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed by making reference to the coil being a helical coil and having plural outer conductor parts groups.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sasaki (U.S. 6,459,543). Note figures 27A to 29 and the related disclosure. The coils may be formed to be helically wound (column 23 – line 61) Sasaki can be applied against the present claims because claim 1, for example, does not establish that conductors from both the first and second outer conductor parts groups are connected to conductors from the inner conductor parts group but rather establishes "for connecting the respective inner conductor parts to the first OR second outer conductor parts corresponding thereto" [emphasis added] which means that only one of the first and second outer conductor groups has to have a conductors connected to conductor parts of the inner conductor parts group.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki.

As per Claim 3

Sasaki does not appear to disclose that the inner conductors having a greater width away from a longitudinal axis normal to an air bearing surface and passing through the link portion 31d to essentially bisect the thin film head.

Official Notice is given that it was notoriously old and well known in the prior art to have coil windings get wider as they move away from a longitudinal axis that bisects a thin film head.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form the inner conductors to have a greater width away from a longitudinal axis normal to an air bearing surface and passing through the link portion 31d to essentially bisect the thin film head. The motivation would have been: to do so reduced heat generation and helped prevent electrical open circuits.

As per Claim 8

Sasaki does not disclose head support details and as such does not disclose details such as a gimbal and a load beam.

Official Notice is given that it was notoriously old and well known in the prior art to support a thin film head via a slider mounted on a gimbal mounted on a load beam.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to support the thin film head of Sasaki with a load beam and a gimbal. The motivation would have been: to do so the primary standard approach in the hard disk drive art for supporting a thin film head.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jefferson A. Evans whose telephone number is 571-272-7574. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Thi Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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